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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

After granting a filing date and calculating the filing fee for  
this new patent application, but before the first examination,  
please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 are maintained unchanged.

Claims ~~3 to 14~~ have been previously cancelled.Please enter new claims ~~15 to 26~~ as follows.

1 15. (new) A filter press as claimed in claim 1, characterized  
2 in that the lifting elements (14) are provided with  
3 receiving elements whose central distance corresponds to